



**Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
6:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library
1901 Russell St, Berkeley, CA 94703**

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo

Commissioners Absent: Covarrubias

Staff Present: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn,
Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Mark Salinas, Public Art
Program Lead

Members of the public present: 1

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda): 1

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Chair's goals

6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Action Item:** Budget Referral Request for Poet Laureate Program FY26 and FY27

M/S/C (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve Budget Referral Request for Poet Laureate Program for FY26 and FY27.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.

Public Comment: None

- b) **Action Item:** Annual approval of Subcommittees and Subcommittee members **M/S/C** (Blecher/Pineda) to approve Subcommittees and Subcommittee members for March 2025 – February 2026.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.

Public Comment: None

- c) **Action Item:** Extension of Joint Subcommittee on Affordable Housing for Artists through June 30, 2025

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve the extension of Joint Subcommittee with the Housing Advisory Commission on Affordable Housing for Artists through June 30, 2025.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.

Public Comment: None

- d) **Discussion Item:** Commissioner Mentorship and Council Visits

Public Comment: None

7. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, Jen Lovvorn
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- c) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – No Report
- b) Public Art – No Report
- c) Policy Subcommittee – Met to discuss Council ranked referrals and how to create a cultural district in an official capacity.
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Met to discuss goals for policy document to be produced by Joint Subcommittee.
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – Reviewed one preliminary project.

9. COMMUNICATION:

- a) Letter from Alastair Boone, Director, Street Spirit

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Item: Draft February Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Pineda) to approve Final February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.

Public Comment: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:23 PM

M/S/C (Blecher/Pineda) to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.

Public Comment: None

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